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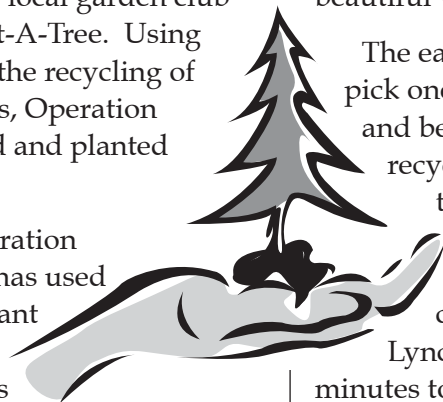
Recycling in Lynchburg

By 1980, Lynchburg was losing trees to damage or neglect at a rate of about 200 per year—and none were being replaced. To help solve this problem, members of a local garden club started Operation Plant-A-Tree. Using money raised through the recycling of paper, glass, and metals, Operation Plant-A-Tree purchased and planted trees along city streets.

Since 1981, the Operation Plant-A-Tree program has used recycling revenue to plant more than 9,000 trees in Lynchburg—and this effort has helped earn Lynchburg the designation of “Tree City USA” by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

When you recycle in Lynchburg, you’re not only reducing the amount of waste in the landfill, you’re also helping to keep our city green...in thousands of beautiful ways.

The easiest way to start recycling is to pick one of the items from the list below and begin saving just that item for recycling. Once you’ve gotten into the recycling habit, it’s easy to expand with other items. Recycling centers are conveniently located throughout Lynchburg, so it only takes a few minutes to drop off your recyclable materials. Just make sure you separate the different items and put them into the proper bins.

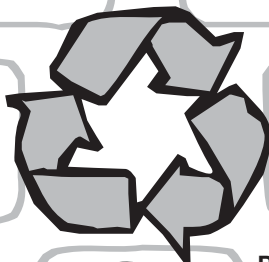


Drink & Food Cans
Please rinse and crush. **NO pans, foil, or other metal items.**



Newspapers & Inserts
NO bags, boxes, or strings.

Glass Bottles & Jars
Be sure to separate by color! Please remove lids and rinse. No need to remove the labels.



Mixed Paper
All paper products, including cardboard. **NO waxed paper. Please flatten boxes.**

NOTE: It's very important that you follow the directions for preparing and depositing your items. If you make a mistake and put improper material into a bin, it could mean that all of the contents of that bin may have to be thrown away! If you don't see a slot for the material you have, don't put it in! Call 856-CITY (2489) for more information about recycling in Lynchburg.



Plastic Bottles & Jugs
#1 PETE: Soda bottles of any color.
#2 HPDE: Milk jugs and detergent bottles of any color. Rinse and crush.
NO plastic grocery bags and automobile oil containers.



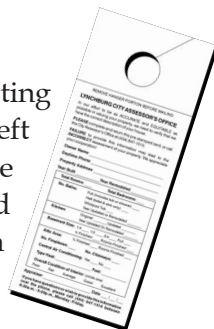
City Assessor's Office Announcements

Reassessment Notices:

As of July 1, 2001, the City Assessor prorates the improvement value of properties which have been substantially completed based on new construction or addition work. The change in value from the July 1 Land Book will be prorated for the fiscal year in which the work is completed. Notices will be mailed in mid May to property owners that have had a change in value. The tax bill for the prorated value will be mailed out in June.

New Doorknob Assessment Cards:

The Assessor's Office is in the process of updating information on all existing homes in Lynchburg. A doorknob hanger has been designed and will be left at the property when owners are not available to provide information. The doorknob hanger requests the owner to complete and mail the pre-stamped card back to the City Assessor's Office. Accurate information will assist in the correct assessment of the property. Please take a few minutes and provide the requested information.



Important Billing Information for Utility Customers

Seasonal Sewer Cap Begins Effective With April Usage Billed On Your May Statement

During the months of April through September, many Lynchburg residents use water to water lawns, fill swimming pools, wash cars, etc. Water used in this manner does not enter the sewer system and therefore, does not have to be treated. Usually the sewer portion of your water bill is based on your actual water consumption. However, beginning in May and ending in October, the sewer portion of your bill will be determined by using a “sewer cap” calculation. The “sewer cap” calculation is based on your average water consumption during the previous November through April. The sewer portion of your bill will reflect either the actual consumption or your “sewer cap,” whichever is less.

Please note that utility customers receive bills for the previous month's usage (Example: You receive a bill in May for water and sewer used in April).

You should not notice a significant increase in the sewer portion of your bill and you may notice a decrease. Remember, “sewer cap” applies to usage for April through September. The bill you receive in November will again reflect sewer charges based on actual water consumption in October. Only customers connected to the City's sewer system are affected by sewer cap billing. If you have any questions regarding the sewer cap, please call the Billings and Collections Division at 847-1320.

Payment Address Change

Effective April 22, mail all current utility payments to:

**CITY OF LYNCHBURG
UTILITY BILLING
P.O. BOX 6860
LYNCHBURG, VA 24505**

Current month payments will still be accepted at City Hall (900 Church Street) and local branches of SunTrust Bank and First Virginia Bank. All cutoff notice payments are to be paid at the teller windows in City Hall.

NOTE: Don't forget to notify your online banking service about this payment address change.

Lynchburg Awarded Crime Prevention Community Certification

The City of Lynchburg has received the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Crime Prevention Association's Crime Prevention Community Certification. Lynchburg is one of only five localities in the Commonwealth to receive this designation.

The certification program recognizes communities that have developed and implemented collaborative community safety plans. To obtain certification a locality must meet at least 12 core community safety strategies.

According to Police Chief Charles Bennett, programs like the multi-agency Code Enforcement Task Force and Bizwatch (a safety program for businesses) were instrumental in the City's certification.

“We are honored that we were successful in receiving the Crime Prevention Community Certification,” said Bennett. “This certification recognizes our commitment to comprehensive crime prevention and safety efforts. The community can be proud that Lynchburg meets such rigorous standards.”

The Crime Prevention Community certification is the only program of its kind in the nation.

Adopt-A-Flower Bed!



Lynchburg's beautiful flower beds are funded by local citizens and businesses.

Here is how you can Adopt-A-Flower Bed of your very own:

- There are 26 flower beds available for adoption on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Adopt all or part of a flower bed (adopting the entire flower bed entitles you to a small sign with sponsorship name installed on-site).
- Flower bed adoption prices range between \$200 and \$700 for a duration of one year.
- All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Kirk Schultz for an application at 847-1386, ext. 187.

ANNOUNCEMENT!



Kemper St. Station Celebration!

**Friday, April 26, 2002
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

You are cordially invited to this fun-filled family event to celebrate the completion of the Kemper Street Train Station renovations. There will be a special opening ceremony, model railroad displays, plenty of entertainment and music, food vendors and much more! Admission is FREE.

Also, a FREE shuttle will provide transportation from the satellite parking area at the Plaza to the train station. For more information call 856-CITY (2489).

Avoid Long Lines...

Buy Your Auto Decal Today!

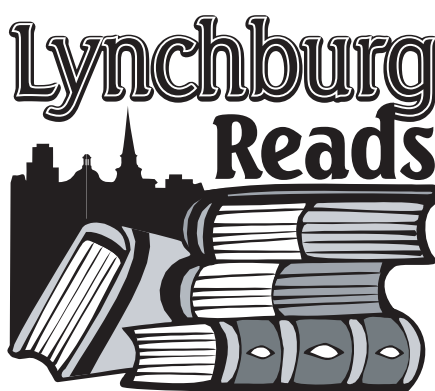
Automobile decals must be purchased by April 15, but you can avoid long lines by mailing your application today.

Just follow these easy steps:

1. Check decal application for accuracy. If changes are needed call the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at 847-1305.
2. Make check or money order payable to the City of Lynchburg. **Decals are \$25 each.**
3. If you owe personal property taxes be sure to include that amount in your check.
4. Mail your decal application(s) and check/money order to: **Mitchell W. Nuckles
Commissioner of the Revenue
P.O. Box 858
Lynchburg, VA 24505-0858**

If you have not received an application or have any questions, call the Commissioner's Office at 847-1305.

Public Library Launches New Reading Program



“A thriller, a gripping tale...that you will not set down until it is finished. Steinbeck has touched the quick.”
— The New York Times

“Of Mice and Men” April 1 - May 15, 2002

John Steinbeck's classic story of loyalty and friendship focuses on two traveling farm workers. George has taken on responsibility for the mentally handicapped Lennie, who constantly seems to fall into trouble. They don't plan to travel forever — someday, they will have a little place of their own...

Sample the Book:	April 1 - 5	Online Book Club (sign up now) www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary
Movie:	April 8	10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. 1992 John Malkovich and Gary Sinise movie followed by discussion, <i>Main Public Library</i>
Book Discussions:	April 15	10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. <i>Main Public Library</i>
	April 18	7:00 p.m. <i>BOOKENDS</i> , intersection of Rt. 221 and Perrowville Road, Forest
	April 24	2:00 p.m. <i>Westminster-Canterbury</i>
Speaker:	April 29	7:00 p.m. Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, Director, Steinbeck Center at San Jose State University, <i>Main Public Library</i>
Play:	May 5 - 10	7:30 p.m. <i>E.C. Glass Drama Department, Admission Fee \$</i>
Youth Book Discussion:	May 13	7:00 p.m. <i>Givens Books, Lakeside Drive</i>
Play/Book Discussion:	May 15	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. <i>Downtown Branch Library, 900 Church Street</i>

All above activities, except as noted, are FREE and open to the public.



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